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Annotations

1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 80 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, the Committee will elect its officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The provisional agenda and documentation for the present session of the Committee were approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 1995/306.

3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations

(a) Applications for consultative status deferred from the 1996 session of the Committee

(b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification

The Committee will consider applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification from non-governmental organizations and act thereon. The Committee will also consider applications that were deferred by the Committee at its 1996 session.

Documentation

Deferred applications for consultative status: memorandum by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/1997/R.1)

New applications for consultative status: memorandum by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/1997/R.2 and addenda)

New requests for reclassification: memorandum by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/1997/R.3 and addenda)

4. Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, general and special categories

In accordance with the arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations approved by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1996/31, such organizations are required to submit, every fourth year, a report on their activities as regards the support they have given to the work of the United Nations. The Committee, at its regular session in 1981, decided that such reports should be limited to two pages. After examining those reports, the Committee may recommend to the Council any reclassification in the status of the organizations concerned that it deems appropriate.

Documentation

Quadrennial reports for the period 1992-1995, submitted through the Secretary-General pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31

Follow-up to the decisions taken by the Committee on Non-governmental Organizations at its session in 1995

5. Implementation of Economic and Social Council decision 1996/302

The Economic and Social Council, in its decision 1996/302, decided that the non-governmental organizations referred to in its decision 1993/220 that wished to expand their participation in other fields of the Council should so inform the Committee on Non-governmental Organizations.

Documentation

Requests submitted by the non-governmental organizations referred to in Economic and Social Council decision 1993/220: note by the Secretariat

6. Implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 and decision 1995/304

The Committee may wish to consider the implications of the provisions of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, in particular those contained in part IX, for the Committee's functioning and methods of work.

In its decision 1995/304, the Council requested the Committee to undertake a thorough review of its methods of work with a view to improving and streamlining its procedures.

7. Provisional agenda and documentation for the session of the Committee to be held in 1998

In its resolution 1894 (LVII) of 1 August 1974, the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General to submit at each session of a subsidiary body of the Council a draft provisional agenda for its following session, together with information relating to documentation.

Documentation

Draft provisional agenda for the 1998 session

8. Adoption of the report of the Committee

The Committee is required to adopt its report to the Economic and Social Council.